

these two birds are not unusually short as represented in the plate alluded to, and in other respects the figures are scarcely recognizable with the original specimens before me. These species are included in the genus *Turdirostris*, Hay, Bonap. Comp. Av. i. p. 217.

The present bird presents considerable diversity in the shade of colors, and especially in the greater or less prevalence of ferruginous or dark fulvous on both the upper and under parts of the body. So far as I know, it is the first species yet ascertained to inhabit Western Africa, of a group of birds quite numerous in the islands of the Malay Archipelago, at about the same latitude of Mr. Duchailu's operations, or within a few degrees of the Equator. In fact, species from equatorial Africa, similar to others in the equatorial Asiatic Islands, have now been discovered to such extent as to be quite remarkable.

With this species I conclude the *Dentirostris* of the present very interesting collection, and hope to continue this Catalogue without intermission next month.

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In accordance with the by-laws, the following members were elected on the Standing Committees for the present year.

1. *Ethnology*, J. A. Meigs, S. S. Haldeman, T. G. Morton. 2. *Comparative Anatomy and General Zoology*, Joseph Leidy, James M. Corse, W. A. Hammond. 3. *Mammalogy*, John Le Conte, J. H. Slack, Wm. Camac. 4. *Ornithology*, John Cassin, T. B. Wilson, S. W. Woodhouse. 5. *Herpetology and Ichthyology*, Edward Hallowell, Robert Bridges, J. C. Morris. 6. *Conchology*, T. A. Conrad, W. G. Binney, W. S. W. Ruschenberger. 7. *Entomology and Crustacea*, Robert Bridges, John L. Le Conte, J. J. Brown. 8. *Botany*, Elias Durand, A. J. Brazier, Joseph Carson. 9. *Geology*, Isaac Lea, C. E. Smith, J. P. Lesley. 10. *Mineralogy*, W. S. Vaux, J. C. Trautwine, W. G. E. Agnew. 11. *Palæontology*, T. B. Wilson, Joseph Leidy, T. A. Conrad. 12. *Physics*, B. H. Rand, W. M. Uhler, Edward Tilghman. 13. *Library*, W. S. Vaux, Isaac Barton, T. B. Wilson. 14. *Proceedings*, John L. Le Conte, Joseph Leidy, W. S. Vaux, G. Scull, W. S. W. Ruschenberger.

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*February 1st.*

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Forty members present.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled *Ichthyological Notices*, by Charles Girard, M. D., and was referred to a Committee.

The resignation of Thomas B. Wilson, M. D., as member of the Committees on Palæontology and the Library, tendered this evening, was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Cassin, a special vote of thanks was given to Mr. James Hammill, for his handsome donation of the skeleton of a horse, received this evening.

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